

[27th August 1926]

Indian Civil Service.*Collectors' Conference at Ootacamund.*

* 2351 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue, the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state what orders Government have passed on the several points raised and discussed at the Collectors' Conference held recently at Ootacamund especially on the following points :—

(a) redrafting the existing rules for the levy of ground-rent in urban areas ;

(b) the administration of plague measures ; and

(c) the relative spheres of activity of the Members of the Legislative Council and the District Officials in their relations with the people ?

A.—The question indicates a misapprehension of the nature and object of such conferences. They are not intended to present subjects for the orders of Government but by discussion and interchange of views to promote a better understanding by Government of the difficulties of district officers and by district officers of the existing orders of Government. Occasionally the issue of further orders may result from the discussions ; but this has not been the case regarding the three matters specified in the question.

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ The question is what orders Government have passed on the several points raised and discussed at the Collectors' Conference. In the answer it is said ‘ the issue of further orders may result from the discussions ; but this has not been the case regarding the three matters specified in the question.’ May I know, Sir, if orders have been issued in regard to the other subjects ? ”

The hon. Mr. N. E. MARJORIBANKS :—“ That covers a very wide field, Sir, and I must ask for notice.”

Number of posts in the superior scale of the Indian Civil Service.

* 2352 Q.—Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR : With reference to the answer of the Government to question No. 1106, dated 16th December 1925, will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state the posts in the superior scale of the Indian Civil Service abolished and newly created by them since the introduction of the Reforms, and whether all the posts in excess of those abolished have been listed for and permanently filled up by members of the Provincial Service ?

A.—A statement ^a showing the posts in the superior scale of the Indian Civil Service abolished and newly created since the Reforms is subjoined. Six posts have been ‘ listed’. Permanent appointments have been made to five of the six additional posts. The appointment to the sixth post is under the consideration of Government.